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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Emmanuel S. Luk

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 12-21 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/16/06
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 14-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cofek (2790206) in view of JP '038 (JP5278038) or EP '460 (EP1336460 A1).

Cofek teaches the production of molds that are used for baking mixtures, thereby curing the friction material compositions.

Cofek fails to teach non-stick properties.

JP '038 teaches the use of metallic molds having polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon) fine powder for its high release properties, with a plating of having 23%vol. of the polytetrafluoroethylene fine particles with a particle size of 1 micron meter dispersed in

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the liquid so that a plating film is formed (see Abstract), this allows for the material to be released from the mold due to the known release properties of teflon.

EP '460 also teaches the use of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), or teflon, as a mold coating film for improved release of the product.

It would have been obvious for one ordinary skill in the art to modify Cofek with the Teflon coating as taught by JP '038 and EP '460 to provide an improved release of the product from the mold surface.

4. Claims 3, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cofek in view of JP '038 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Iwami (5468141).

Cofek in view of JP '038 or EP '460 fails to specifically teach the mold body comprising of a metal, such as nickel.

EP '460 does mention a metallic mold body, such as aluminum, and in addition, talks about plating using the PTFE with a nickel.

Iwami teaches that is known in the molding arts to have mold constructed from metals, such as conventional steel, nickel, nickel alloys, aluminum, aluminum alloys, copper, copper alloys, etc.", see Col. 1, lines 15-17. In addition, Iwami teaches the use of applying a release insulating layer on a cavity to aid in mold releasing (see abstract).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Cofek, in view of JP '038 or EP '460, with the mold being made from metals such as nickel as

taught by Iwami because it is a well known material for construction of molds which allow for good thermal conductivity (Col. 1, lines 49-50).

Priority

5. Acknowledgement is made of receiving certified copy of MI2003A 002468.
6. No certified copy of Europe 04009286.8 have been received which applicants have claimed priority in the oath.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Boenig (3682434), Koike (4919388), and Moulton (5632925).
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel S. Luk whose telephone number is (571)272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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